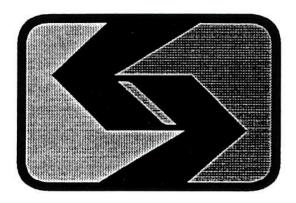
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# SEPTA'S SUBURBAN MOBILITY INITIATIVES



Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority 1994

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### **PURPOSE**

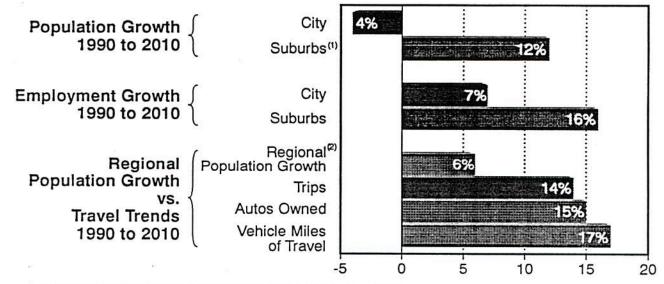
- Explain New Emphasis on Suburban Markets and Why
  - Regional Decentralization of Population/ Employment/Development
  - Rapid Growth of Trips/Vehicles/Miles of Travel
  - Support for Economic Development/ Labor Market Access
- Response to Federal Legislation
  - Clean Air Act Amendments (1990)
  - ISTEA (1991)
  - National Energy Policy Act (1992)

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### **NEW FEDERAL LAWS**

- Clean Air Act Amendments
  - Employer Trip Reduction Program
  - Transportation Control Measures
  - Emissions Budget Targets
- ISTEA
  - Intermodalism Emphasis (Four C's) and Land Use Linkage
  - CMAQ Program/Transportation Enhancements
  - Flexing Funds to Transit/Travel Demand Reduction Encouraged
  - Limits on Highway Capacity Expansion (Congestion Management System)
- National Energy Act
  - \$60/Month Tax Free Benefit to Employees for Transit Use
  - \$155/Month Cap on Tax Free, Employer Provided Parking

### **DEMOGRAPHIC VS. TRAVEL FORECASTS**



Source: Delaware Valley Regional Planning Commission, 1993 SEPTA, 1994

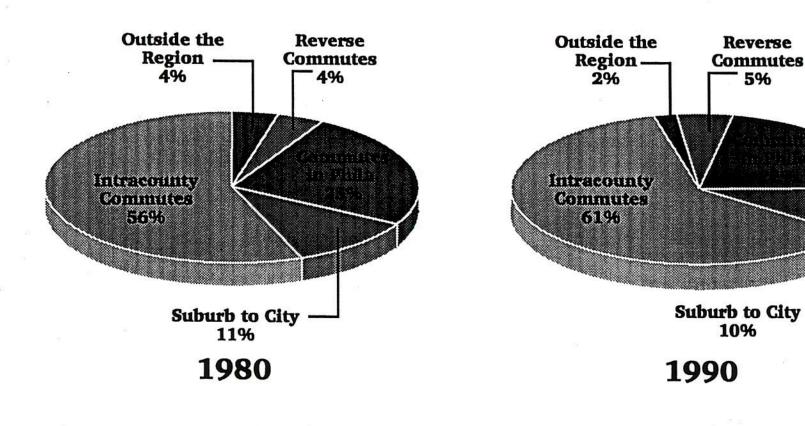
Notes: (1) Bucks, Chester, Delaware, Montgomery Counties

(2) Suburbs and Philadelphia

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### **Suburban Mobility Initiative**

### **Commuting Patterns in the Region**



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### SEPTA NEEDS DUAL MARKETING STRATEGY

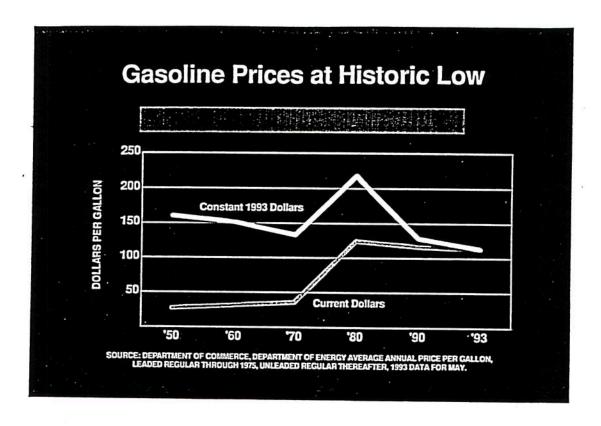
- Preserve/Strengthen Traditional Markets
  - To City
  - Within City
- Develop New Markets in Suburban Counties
  - Suburb to Suburb/Within County
  - Reverse Commute (City to Suburb)
- Strategy Responds to:
  - Regional Growth and Change
  - Travel vs. Demographic Trends



Philadelphia Inquirer, Tony Auth

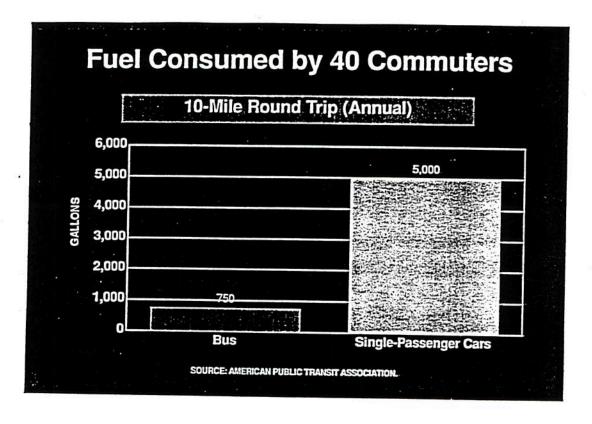
This cartoon captures our resistance to behavioral change.

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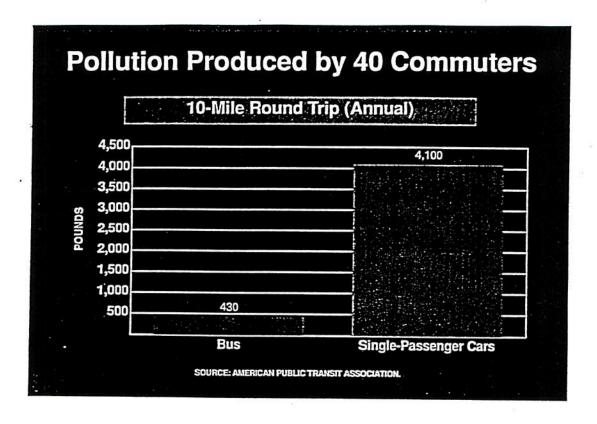


Gas prices, adjusted for inflation, are at the lowest point in the history of the automobile. Today, gas prices (adjusted for inflation) are actually below what they were 40 years ago. Artificially low gas prices have bolstered auto use in the U.S.

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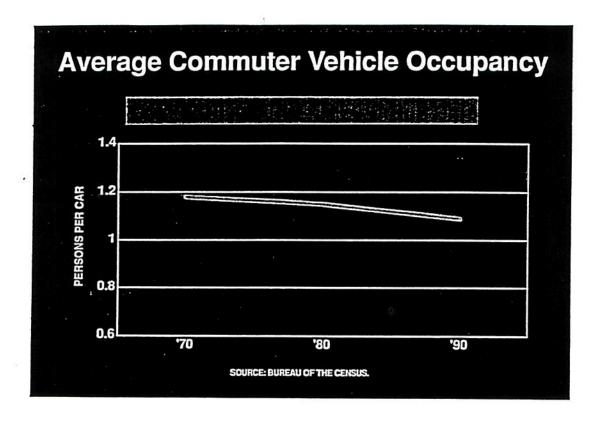


This chart shows the fuel efficiency of transit use. Annually, commuters who ride a bus in lieu of driving their cars, consume only 750 gallons of gasoline versus the 5,000 gallons of gas they would have used if they had driven to work.



Similar to the previous chart, this graph shows the environmental benefits of transit use. For every forty people who choose to drive alone rather than use transit--driving produces ten times the amount of pollution as the transit alternative.

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One would think that in light of the trends such as the oil shocks of the 1970s and our preoccupation with energy conservation, that we would try to improve the efficiency of auto travel. However, we are seeing just the opposite--during the period from 1970-1990, average vehicle occupancy for journey-to-work trips declined from 1.2 persons per car to 1.1 persons per car. The notion of "one person-one car" is nearly a reality. Our national policies have encouraged the use of the single-occupant automobile.

## CONTEXT FOR CHANGE SEPTA's Plans, Programs and Services

- 2010 Vision of the Future
- 10-Year Action Plan
- 12-Year Capital Program
- Current Service Initiatives
- Future Service Initiatives

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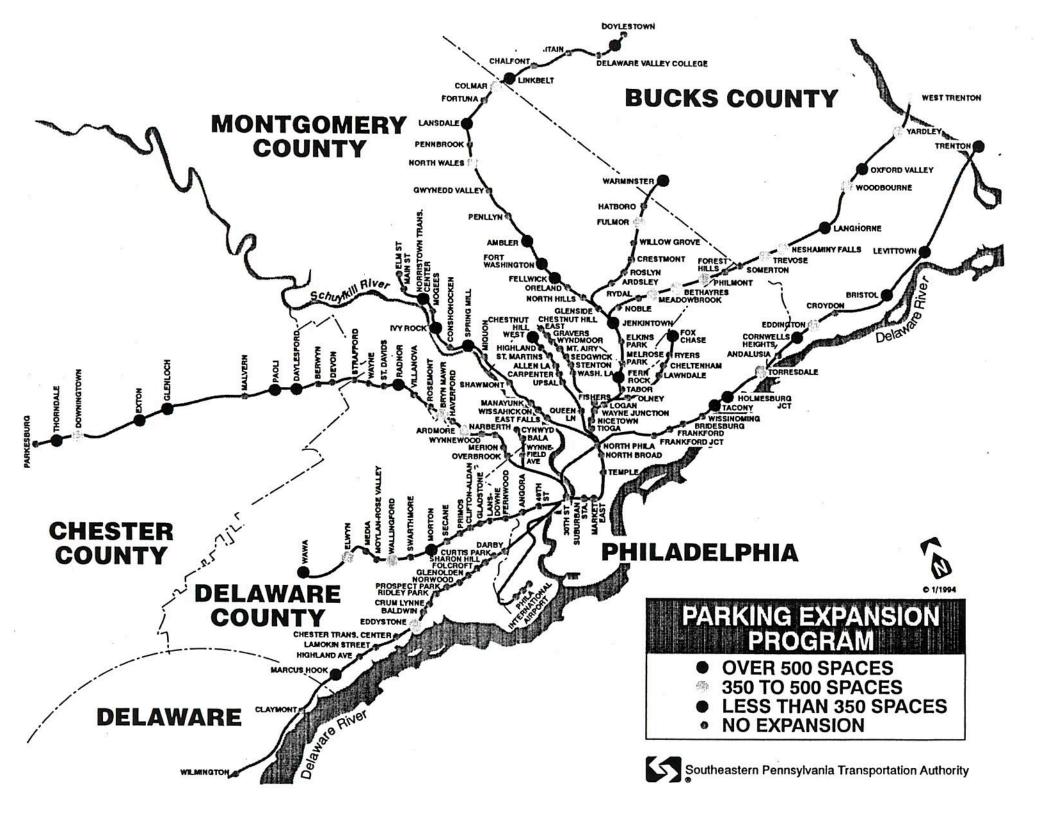
### **12-YEAR CAPITAL PROGRAM**

- \$4.5 Billion Capital Program/\$243 Million Capital Budget
- Priority Rebuild/Restore Existing System (90%)
- New Initiatives (10%)
  - Cross County Metro
  - Transportation Centers
  - Parking Expansion
  - Rail Extensions/Restorations

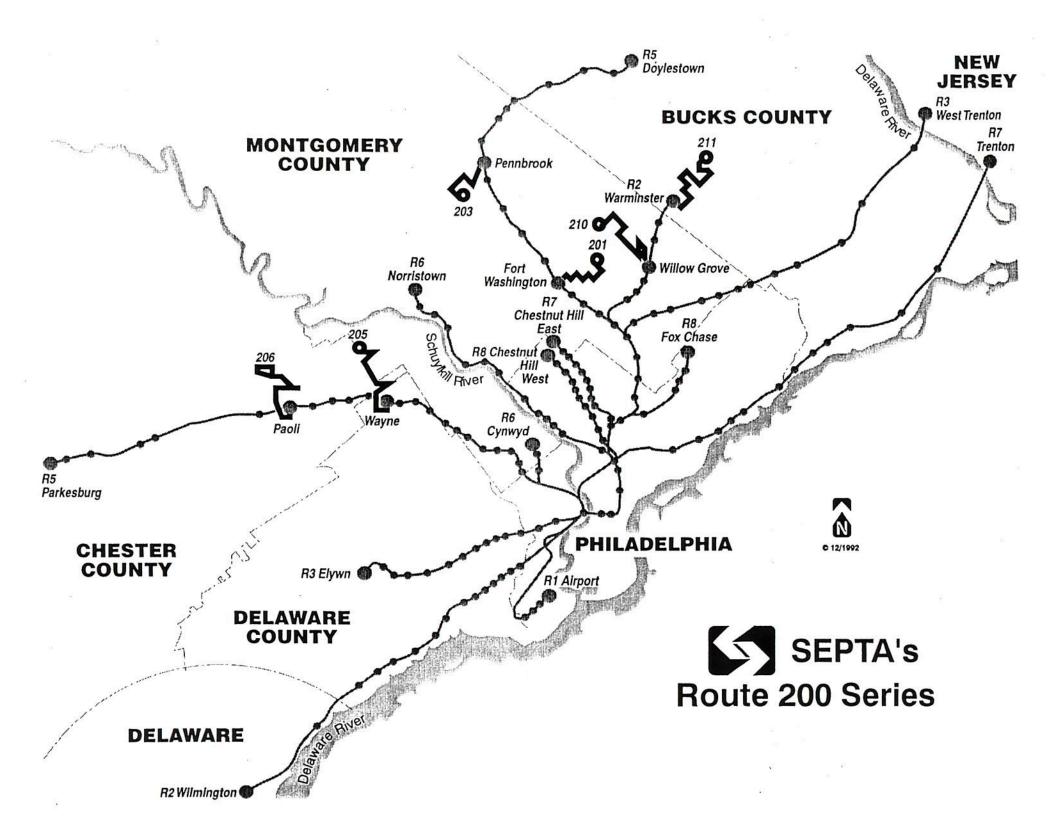
### PARKING DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM

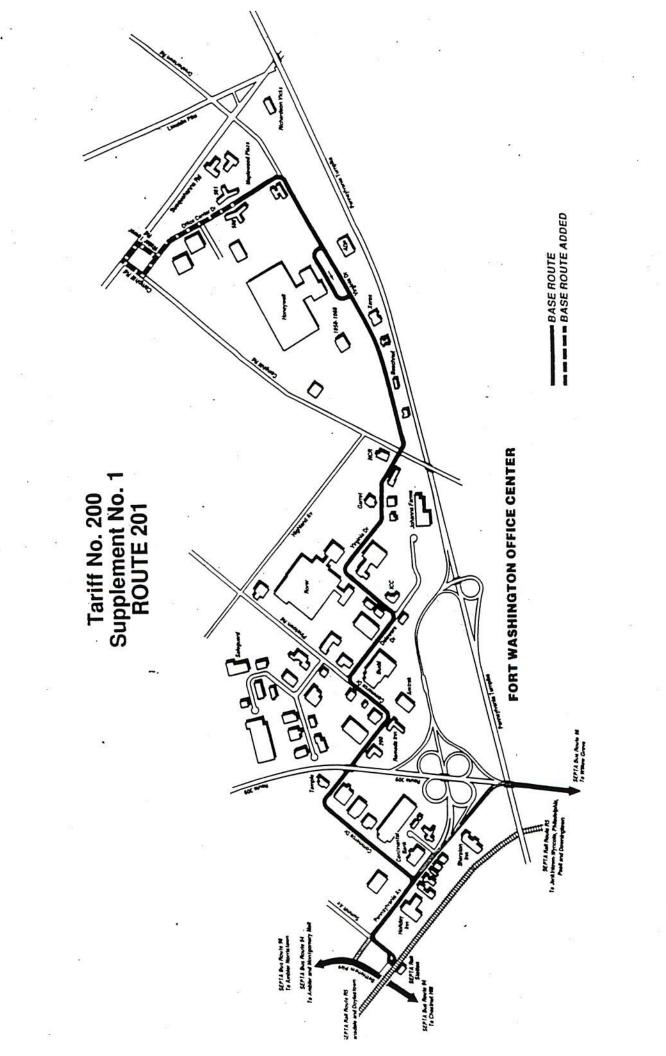
- Goal More than Double Regional Rail System Parking by 2010
- Current Spaces 14,700
- Proposed Spaces 35,000
- Work Proactively with City/County Planners and Local Government Officials
- Coordinate with PennDOT's Regional Highway Improvement Projects (I-95/US202/I-476/PA309)

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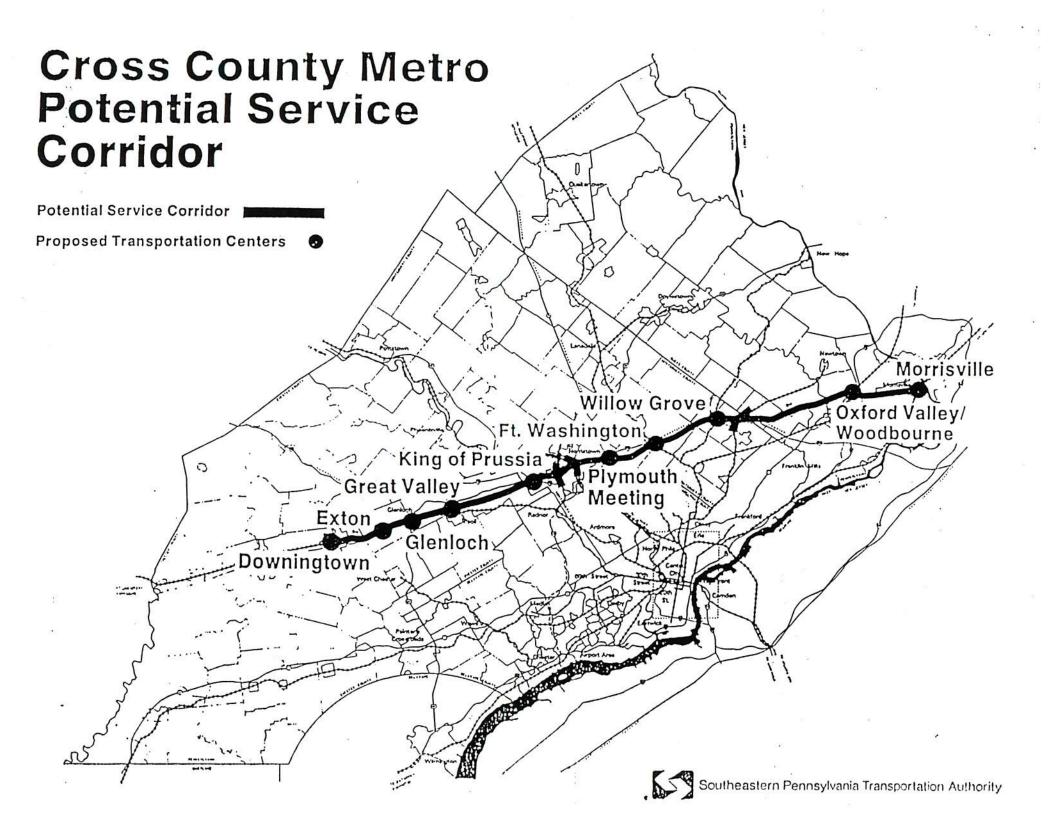




### **CROSS COUNTY METRO**

- Creates Inter-Suburban Transit Service Corridor
- Reinforces Suburban Job Centers/ Compact Development Pattern
- Develops New Transportation Centers
- Expands Labor Market Access/Mobility Choices
- Enhances Interconnectivity of SEPTA System
- Supports Transportation/Land Use Linkages
- Supports Intermodalism Concept

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### **EXPANDED TRANSITCHEK PROGRAM**

- Transit Use Incentive Program
- Administered by DVRPC
- SEPTA/Other Transit Agencies Participate
- 100+ Companies Involved to Date

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### **FUTURE INITIATIVES**

- Continue Proactive Approach
- Continue to Work with:
  - Transportation Management Associations
  - Companies, Schools, Chambers of Commerce
  - Government, Planning Agencies
- Expand TransitChek Program
- Pursue CMAQ Projects
- Implement Capital Program

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